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1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR VOLTIS IS BACK ON KEA ISLAND THIS WEEK TO COMPLETE HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE COUP ACTIVITIES OF THE FIVE LEADING APRIL 21 FIGURES DETAINED THERE. JANUARY 16 PRESS REPORTS THAT GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS UNDER EXAMINATION TOOK POSITION: "I REFUSE TO TESTIFY AND DO NOT ACCEPT THE STATUS OF DEFENDANT IN THE LIGHT OF AN ATTEMPT MADE BY THE PRESENT POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE NATION TO SUBSTITUTE PARLIAMENT FOR JUSTICE... I REFUSE TO GIVE EVIDENCE, BECAUSE I AM UNWILLING TO COOPERATE IN SUCH AN ATTEMPT TO DEBASE ALL SENSE OF JUSTICE." THE FORMER DICTATOR HAS THUS TAKEN A LEGAL DEFENSE PARALLEL TO THAT OF IOANNIDES (REFTEL).

2. VOLTIS IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE EXAMINATION OF THE OTHER FOUR MEN ON KEA, PROBABLY WITH SIMILAR RESULTS, AND FILE HIS REPORT BY THIS WEEKEND. ATHENS CONTINUES TO ANTICIPATE THAT ALL FIVE WILL BE CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON
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AND BROUDHT BACK TO ATHENS FOR CUSTODY.

3. GOG HAS SHOWN ITS CONTINUING SENSITIVITY TO DEJUNTIZATION ISSUE BY VOLUNTEERING JANUARY 15 STATEMENT THROUGH "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE" THAT IT "REJECTED ALL CRITICISM MADE OF GOVERNMENT ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH DEJUNTIZATION." GOG SOURCE SAID THAT ADOPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY MOTION DEFINING APRIL 21 TAKEOVER AS A COUP AND PROVIDING PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES AS WELL AS THOSE ENGAGED IN TORTURE ACTS CONFIRMED ACTIVE OFFICIAL COURSE. SAME STATEMENT TOOK SWIPE, IN ADDITION, AGAINST UNWARRANTED AND UNDEMOCRATIC STRIKE, MARCHES, AND OTHER ACTS.

4. COMMENT: GOG IS SHOWING ITS RESENTMENT AT PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESS ATTENTION TO THE ALIVERI INCIDENT (ATHENS 342) EVEN AFTER POLICE INVESTIGATION HAS CLEARED GENDARMERIE OF ALLEGED NEW YEAR'S EVE TORTURE INTERROGATION AND PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER, AS WELL AS ITS CONCERN WITH GROWING STUDENT PROTEST (SEE SEPTEL). KUBISCH

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